



The Turning Point

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Member since 2012

*The next meeting of the Nova Woodturners' Guild is a virtual
Annual General Meeting (AGM)
September 21, 2020. 6:15 p.m.*

*The next meeting will feature
Mild confusion of a pleasant nature.*

The President's Workshop

Gary Landry

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2020

Well we are about to begin a new year of Guild meetings. However, this year we will be meeting virtually using Zoom and this will continue until further notice. While there is a desire for us to meet our fellow members face-to-face the reality is that finding a location, meeting all the Health Department guidelines and achieving healthy outcomes is a series of conditions that we cannot ensure at this time. Add to that the fact that a significant number of our members have stated that, even if meetings were held face-to-face, there is no way at this time that they would attend due their concerns and personal situations.

That being said, the Executive Committee tried during the past six, long months to try to stay up to date with current directives and plan an alternate meeting schedule that would engage members fully while keeping us all safe as possible.

You have seen the results of the various challenges that have been 'sponsored' during the summer ranging from mallets/gavels to rolling pins to an open challenge for anything our member wished to enter. At least I hope that you have all seen the results. If not please go to our website www.novawoodturnersguild.com and click on the 'Events' link on the top of the page. I was very impressed with the work submitted for posting on this site. I, and the Executive, wish to thank each and every entrant for their work. I am amazed by the talent we have in our Guild. We will try to present a 'show' of all the entries during our September Zoom meeting.

That leads into the next point. You will soon be receiving (or already have received) an invitation to participate in the September Zoom meeting. For those who are new to Zoom you can request a practice session to work out all the bugs in advance of the actual meeting. Our mini-poll shows that the vast majority of you would definitely attend a Zoom session or are at least willing to try it out. We will be trying to keep the meeting as close to normal as possible (Norm is even investigating how we may be able to have some form of raffle for each meeting). I should also let you know that we have secured at least three members of the Guild to record demonstrations for our Zoom meetings which will take us to the end of 2020. We are trying to get other demos for as many of our planned meetings as possible.

There is one other item I must acknowledge. It is unlikely that any of you do not know about the horrible explosion that occurred in Beirut earlier in the summer. A local artist, who also is a registered art therapist of Lebanese descent, decided to organize an online auction of art the profits from which to be donated to the Lebanese Red Cross. The Executive thought this presented a great opportunity for the Guild to show our community involvement and solicited pieces to be submitted for the auction. Bottom line here is nine members donated a total of 14 pieces which raised \$749 of the overall auction total of \$6200, or just over 12% of the total raised. Well done.

This is likely the last message I will be sending to you as President. After two terms, including a COVID extension from June to September, I will not be re-offering for the post. I wish to thank the Executive Committee for all their support over that time and each of you for your commitment to turning in general and this Guild in particular. You are the reason the Guild works and is successful.

Gary Landry
President (interim) – Nova Woodturners' Guild

Show & Tell

Mark Hazen

Well I missed the Challenge deadline. But thought I would show what I spent August working on. While I had taken a segmented turning class a few years ago I had not done any in my own shop. So when my Dad asked me for an Urn for my Mom's funeral I thought - now is the time to learn. I wanted to use Ash and Maple from the cottage as that was my Mom's favourite place - segmented turning seemed like a natural way to combine the two woods.

What a learning process! First neither my table saw nor my mitre saw would give a precise angle cut - so I finally bit the bullet and replaced them - long overdue. Then I found as I tried to stack the rings that I was not getting the rings flat enough on the belt sander. So it was time to finally make a sanding plate for the lathe. Oh, and in between while turning a burl I found my lathe was not as solid as I wanted - rubber bushings on the feet had worn - so I had to reset the lathe on new legs.

I sourced the wood from a maple tree that came down in Hurricane Dorian last year and the wood pile of Ash at the cottage (that took two trips to NB as my first urn did not turn out well). The Urn has a solid maple base, top collar and lid. 18 segments to a ring and 9 rings. It is meant to give about 180 cubic inches inside (Internet says urns should have 180-200 cubic inches or 1 cubic inch per pound of deceased). Another time I would probably try to do a better job of matching segments to give a greater colour contrast. But, actually after the number of times I redid rings (before I replaced the saws) I was just glad to get reasonable rings.

Mark



William Maes

This was my latest project—birch lid and some Australian or African hardwood I think. The worst stuff I've ever worked with since turning produced only a fine powder that went everywhere. I really needed to use my mask and take a long shower afterwards. That said, the wood produces a nice dark finish.

Bill



Show & Tell

Don Moore

Title: The Figure Skater

The grace and flow of women figure skaters is the subject of this piece of wood art. The work off the lathe was then further refined with carving and shaping to achieve the smooth transfer of motions. Ultimately the completed form was air brushed.

Made from a single piece of wood...

Be well,
Don



Calendar of Events

Date	Subject	Location
September 21, 2020	AGM	Online via Zoom
October 19, 2020	Zalman Amit Care and Use of Carbide Cutters	Online via Zoom
November ?, 2020		
December ?, 2020		
January ?, 2021		
February ?, 2021		
March ?, 2021		
April ?, 2021		
May ?, 2021		
June ?, 2021		

The Raffle Booth	Norm Jolivet / Yogi Gutz
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Raffles, as we have known them, are a bit difficult at the present time. If you think about it, collecting money and handing out prizes becomes near impossible. In all probability we will suspend regular draws till we can meet in person again. That's coming, eventually.

In the mean time, Christmas tree ornaments.

In the hope that we can all get together at HSH or where ever we will need a couple ornaments for the wreath raffle and a couple for the ornament exchange from each of you. More is better. If we can get together under one roof, then we each have a contribution. If not, you have a bunch of gifts to hand out to friends.

If you need inspiration just Google 'wood turned Christmas ornaments' click Images. **Daniel Vilarino** has a video if you need a challenge.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXcuwzhoXLo>

Things have to improve. So in anticipation of better times, Support Your Guild and hang in there.

Here's hoping,
 Your Raffle Master.

Summer Challenge



Summer Challenge



Chosen at random and based on providing an entry to the summer challenge, the winners are:

Shawna Mitchell -

ER25 handle and 3 collets provided by **Dave McLachlan**

Jim Kuzma -

\$25 gift certificate provided by **Bill Maes**

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the participants. The complete gallery of entry's can be found at <http://www.novawoodturnersguild.com/events/> [The 2020 Summer Challenge.](#)

Nova Woodturners' Guild – 2019/20 Executive

Our e-mail now reflects a more consistent method of communicating with the various offices in the Nova Woodturners' Guild. The recipients will change as the need arises but a note sent to the president will go to who ever is president at that time. All the following addresses should be followed by @novawoodturnersguild.com to send mail to that person

Position <address>@novawoodturnersguild.com Name Chairperson?

Executive executive (sends the message to all positions on the list)

President	president	Gary Landry	
Vice President	vice-president	Bill Maes	
Secretary	secretary	Calum Ewing	
Treasurer	treasurer	Dave McLachlan	

Members at Large members-at-large Bill Luther

Committees

Library	library	Jim Diamond	C
		Richard Ford	

Web Site	webmaster	Richard Ford	C
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Membership & Promotion	membership-chair	Brian Larter	C
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Newsletter	newsletter	Norm Jolivet	C
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Competition		Vacant	C
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Guild Photographer		Chris Palmer	
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Fund Raising		Vacant	C
Raffles		Norm Jolivet	
		Yogi Gutz	

Nominating		Bill Maes	C
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Dear NWG Members:

Below is some guidance and help with getting Zoom set up on your computer, tablet or phone and getting ready for our upcoming Guild meetings hosted on the Zoom platform.

Calum

Calum Ewing
NWG Secretary

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As the Nova Woodturners Guild goes forward into the 2020-21 membership year, it is in unusual times with the province still under a State of Emergency relating to COVID-19 and a host of Public Health restrictions and requirements in place. To accommodate these and still providing members with opportunities to interact and get the benefit of turning demonstrations and discussions, we will be offering some of our meetings and content in an online format.

We have selected the Zoom video conferencing platform as best suiting the needs of the Guild and its members.



If you already have Zoom downloaded then please follow our log in details below.

If you do not already have a Zoom account – you will find some helpful guidance on how to sign in and register below – it's FREE.

Please let me know if you are having difficulty, and I will do my best to help.

Log In Details:

We would encourage all participants to log in 5 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to start.

This will ensure that you have time to get your settings organized before the meeting begins.

We will try to get the meeting started promptly at the advertised time.

If you have already installed 'Zoom' on your computer, tablet or phone then you are good to go.

Just click on the link in the meeting reminder email to access the session 5 minutes before the advertised time, sit back, relax and enjoy!

Please feel free to click on this link, and enter the waiting room, at any time between now and the meeting time to test your connection and settings for the Zoom session.

There is a handy tutorial on connecting to Zoom meetings here:
<https://youtu.be/hIkCmbvAHQQ>

Alternatively, you can go to the Zoom website (<http://zoom.us>) and click the 'Join a Meeting' button, then enter the meeting ID number and password when prompted.

The link in the Reminder email should take you directly to the Zoom Waiting room.... hold tight and we will open the door to the Live Session.

If you don't already have a Zoom account:

Click on the icon below to set up your account – It's Free



Alternatively, you can visit: <https://zoom.us/signup>

If you need any help in setting up, please [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a ZOOM 101 tutorial.

Or, you can drop me a line at calumewing@eatlink.ca and I'll help to get you started.

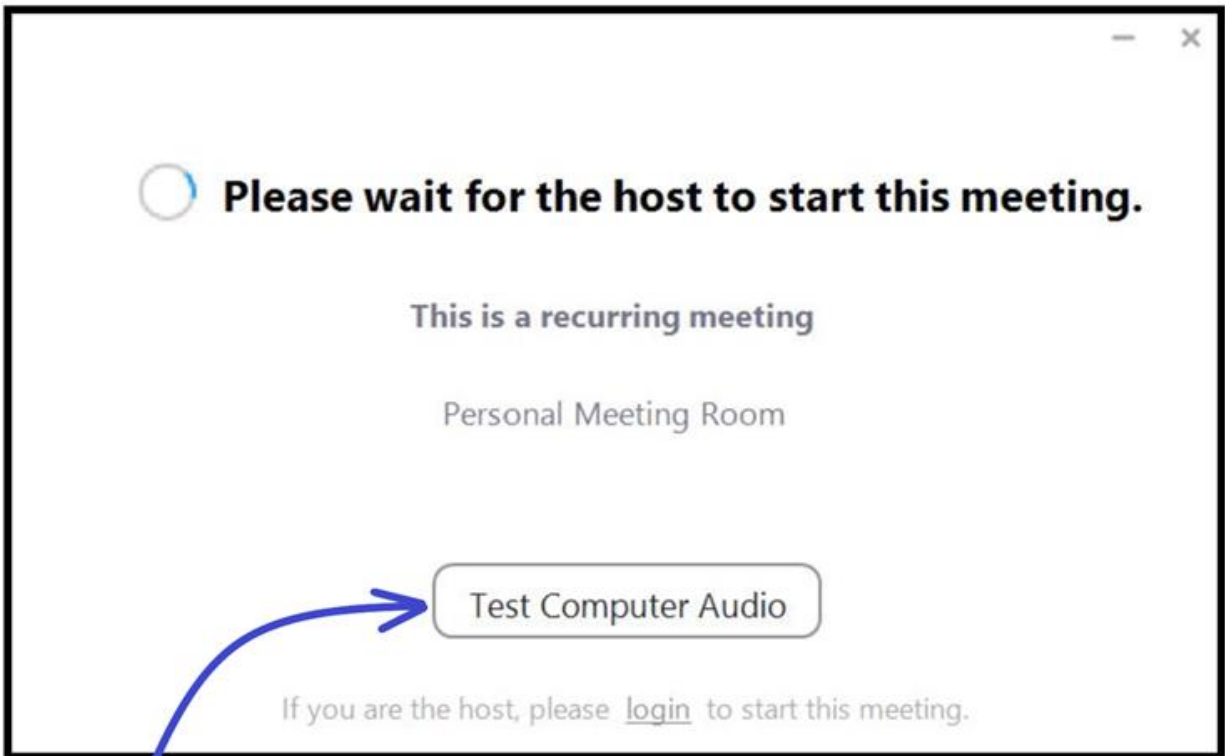
We recommend that you set up your account as soon as possible, and well in advance of the session beginning, so that you can become familiar with the system.

Here are some helpful tips for the Live Session:

After clicking the link to enter the Live Session, you will see this message below.

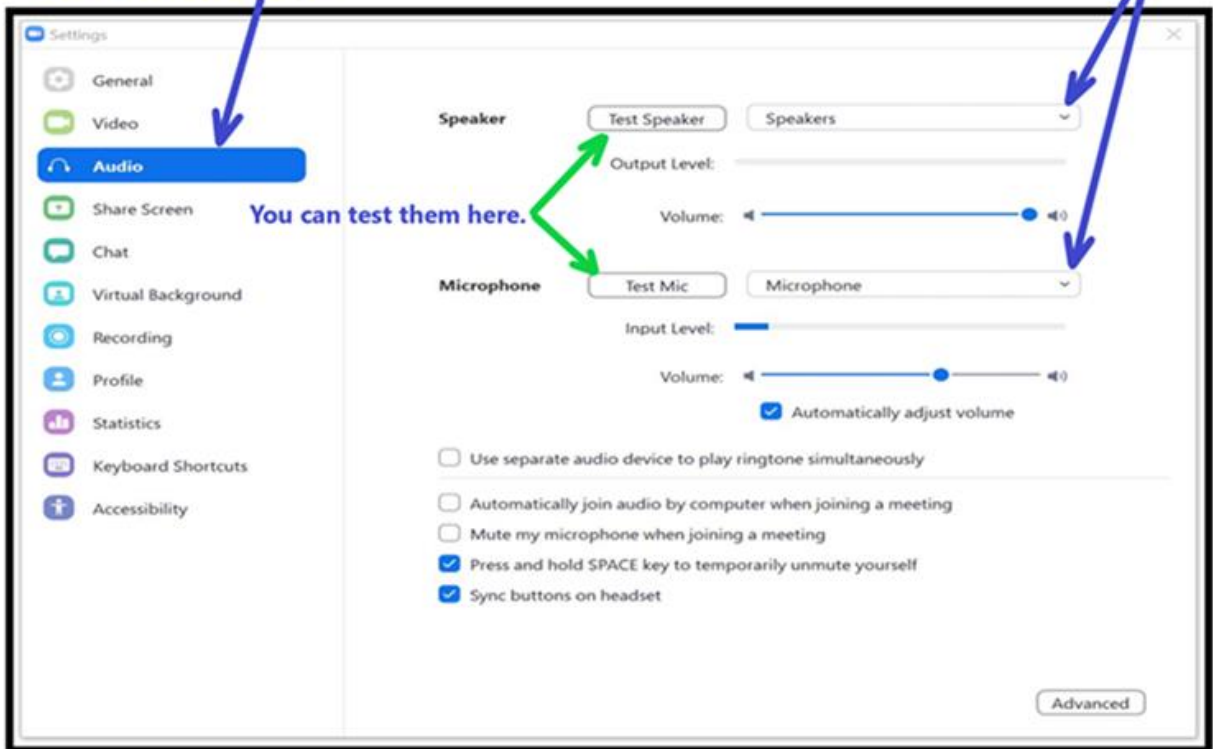
This is the waiting room.

At the appropriate time, your Live Session host will open the door for you to enter the event.

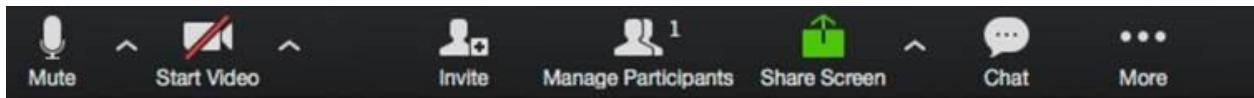


It's a good idea to click here to check that your settings are correct

If you are using headphones, or other accessories, check that your Speakers and Microphone are set to the correct settings.



When you are in the session you will find you will find a set of icons at the bottom of your Zoom screen,



Microphone

It's helpful for us if you can ensure that your microphone, is set to the Mute position at all times.

You will find the microphone icon in the lower left-hand corner of your screen,

Note if you are using your computer speakers and a microphone, you may get an odd echo due to your microphone hearing the sound from the speakers. If this happens during a meeting, mute your microphone or switch to earphones or a headset to avoid the echo.

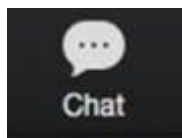


Video Camera

You can turn your camera on, or off by clicking the camera icon on the lower left-hand side of your screen.

The camera icon is next to the microphone icon.

If your camera is switched on, then you are visible to all participants. *Don't forget, we can also see, what's behind you!*



Questions During the Session

If you have a question for the Demonstrator, you or whoever is leading the discussion you can click on the Chat icon. It is located in the bottom central section of your screen.

Then type your question, in the lower right-hand portion of the viewing area. Where possible, our host will ask the question on your behalf to our demonstrator.

On some occasions, depending on group sizes, we may be able to connect you directly with the demonstrator, so that you can ask your question personally. To indicate that you would like to speak, click the 'Reactions' button at the bottom of the screen



and select one of the 'hand' icons. This will flag you in the participants list as someone who wishes to speak.

If this is a possibility, you will need to turn your microphone on. Please remember, to turn your microphone off, after you have ended your discussion with the demonstrator.

We will make our best efforts to answer as many questions as possible during the demonstration and meeting.

Please contact Calum Ewing at calumewing@eastlink.ca if you have any questions, and we look forward to seeing you at future meetings!!